

PART III—Section 1

NOTIFICATIONS BY GOVERNMENT

CHIEF SECRETARIAT

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM

Dated 24th September 1953.

No. Ch.S. 8746—G.E. 24-53-27.—The following Office memorandum issued by the Ministry of External Affairs the Government of India on the subject of special selection for posts of Political Officers and Assistant Political Officers for the administration in the North-East Frontier Agency is published for general information. All applications in response thereto may be sent to the undersigned so as to reach him not later than 6th October 1953 or transmission to the Ministry of External Affairs.

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Chief Secretary to Government.

Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi.

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Dated the...September 1953.

Subject.—Special selection for posts of Political Officers and Assistant Political Officers for the administration in the North East Frontier Agency.

No. D. 7478-NEF—53.—The Central Government is responsible for the administration of the tribal areas in the North East Frontier Agency. The actual administration is carried on by the Governor of Assam acting as the Agent of the President with the assistance of a number of Political Officers and Assistant Political Officers and other personnel. As explained in Paragraph 5 below, the conditions in these areas are totally different from those in the rest of India including other tribal areas and the work calls for special qualities and aptitudes.

2 Vacancies in the posts mentioned below require to be filled without delay.—

- (1) One Deputy Adviser and six Political Officers with the rank of Deputy Adviser;
- (2) 17 Assistant Political Officers Grade I;

These will be filled from amongst suitable serving officers taken on deputation from the following Services:—

- (a) the Indian Administrative Service;
- (b) the Indian Foreign Service;
- (c) the Indian Police or the Indian Police Service;
- (d) the Defence Services;
- (e) the Indian Forest Service.

Some suitable officers may also be selected from—

- (f) persons who, under the special rules applicable to them, have had to retire from the Forces at a comparatively young age and who are still fit for strenuous service, and are recommended by the Ministry of Defence;
- (g) suitable young men possessing the required qualities who may be recommended by the Universities as suitable for these posts.

3 *Seniority Required.*—Selection from the existing Services will ordinarily be confined to officers with the minimum service indicated below:—

I—For posts of Deputy Adviser and six Political Officers.

Indian Administrative Service ...	8 to 10 years'
Indian Foreign Service ...	seniority.
Indian Police and Defence Services...	10 to 12 years'
Indian Forest Service ...	seniority.

II—For 17 posts of Assistant Political Officers, Grade I.

Indian Administrative Service ...	3 to 5 years'
Indian Foreign Service ...	seniority.
Indian Police and Defence Services ...	5 to 7 years' seniority.

4 *Terms of service.*—(i) *Basic Pay.*—The Deputy Adviser and six Political Officers will draw their pay in the senior scale of pay of I.A.S. [i.e., Rs. 800 (6th year or under) 50–1,000–60–1,300–50–1,800 (25 years).]

The Assistant Political Officers Grade I will draw pay in the junior scale of pay of I.A.S. [i.e., Rs. 350–400–450–450–500–540–30–600–EB–30–870–40–950 (19 years)].

Officers from various existing Services will be on deputation for three years in the first instance. The question of extension or permanent absorption will be considered at the end of that period. All the officers will be treated as on trial during the first year of their service. Once an officer is admitted to these scales of pay, he will not during the period of three years' deputation be allowed to claim any right of promotion or increase in emoluments merely because he might have been entitled to this if he had remained in his parent cadre. Revision of pay will only be considered at the time of an officer's permanent absorption, if at all necessary.

(ii) *Special Pay.*—Special pay of 33½ per cent of basic pay with a minimum of Rs. 200 and maximum of Rs. 400 per month will be allowed to six Political Officers and 17 Assistant Political Officers with their headquarters in the tribal areas. The Deputy Adviser and other Class I officers at Shillong will be allowed a special pay of Rs. 150 per month only.

All officers in forward areas will be entitled to free furnished accommodation of a simple type on a scale to be decided by the Governor in consultation with the Financial Adviser. Officers with headquarters at Shillong will be allowed house rent allowance as allowed to other Central Government servants stationed at Shillong.

5 *Working Conditions and Qualifications required.*—Service in the North-East Frontier Agency calls for a high degree of physical fitness and the possession of special qualities of initiative, imagination, resourcefulness, and broad sympathy for and understanding of tribal peoples, and interest in the life and customs of primitive tribes. Officers will be required to serve in the forward areas in very difficult conditions, as communications are very poor and social amenities hardly exist. They will be expected to live among the tribes, learn their language, manners and customs and win their confidence and trust. They would also have to co-ordinate the activities of the various